NOTE

Captain Durie, to whom this volume is reverently dedicated, was killed in action December 29th, 1917, while his battalion was holding the line at St. Emile, near Lens, France. On the evening of October 26th, 1917, during the attack at Passchendaele, after heavy fighting throughout the day, he went five times through drum-fire to save the wounded, who had lain since the early morning on the field: an incident that will be for ever associated with his name. No eulogy of his life would be complete that did not place emphasis on his fearlessness in action, his devotion to duty and his gallantry in the field.

—A. D.